GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:169
ANSWERED ON:11.03.2008
IMPORT OF DRUGS FROM CHINA
Singh Shri Uday

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware that Chinese Pharmaceutical Companies are exporting drugs to several countries including India;

(b) if so, the facts and the details thereof;

(c) whether the use of such drugs from Chinese Pharmaceutical Companies has caused paralysis to several patients;

(d) if so, the facts and details thereof; and

(e) the steps taken by the Government to put a ban on import of drugs from China?

Answer

MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI KAMAL NATH)

(a) to (e): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.169 FOR ANSWER ON 11TH MARCH, 2008 REGARDING "IMPORT OF DRUGS FROM CHINA"

(a) & (b): Yes Sir. Information regarding the export of drugs by Chinese Pharmaceutical Companies to different countries is not available. Information regarding import of drugs into India from China (as received from Directorate General of Commercial Intelligence & Statistics), is as follows:

Year	Value (in Rs Lakhs)
2004-05	90856.83
2005-06	157866.42
2006-07	212443.54
Apr 07-Oct 07 (Provisional)	181340.70

(c) & (d): No report has been received of any paralysis having been caused due to any drugs imported into India from China.

(e) There is no proposal under consideration of Government to ban import of drugs from China.